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Dear Madam,

I have worked in the computer industry for 25 years, and I have seen first hand the adverse effects on the industry and consumers of Microsoft's monopoly on desktop operating systems. For example, for at least six years, it has not been possible to get venture capital funding for any technology ideas in areas that Microsoft considers its own "turf". Microsoft meets regularly with venture capital companies to tell them areas that it considers it "owns".

Microsoft has been found guilty of serious antitrust violations stretching over several years, and the finding has been upheld by a Federal appeals court. The proposed settlement does nothing to remove Microsoft's "ill-gotten gains". It does nothing to redress competitors like Netscape, Sun Microsystems, Apple Computer, and Intel who were hurt by Microsoft. The settlement does practically nothing to prevent future abuses by Microsoft, such as their recent attempt to lock out the competitive Opera browser from its web site.

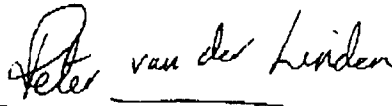
Any remedy must as a starting point do the following:

1. Ship the Java language from Sun with every Microsoft desktop OS.
2. Make public the specifications of the present and future file formats of all Microsoft products.
3. Make public, and subject to IETF approval, all Microsoft network protocols. IETF is an independent public interest network industry technical body.

As Microsoft has said, the national interest is involved here. That interest demands that a single company within a critical industry not be allowed to dominate and restrict available products by continuing to abuse its monopoly.

Yours faithfully,

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